

## SELF DESTRUCTION

Was the Cause of the Death of Mrs. Maria T. Wright.

### HEARING OF DOWN YESTERDAY

Afternoon Before Justice Dunning Completely Exonerated Him From Complicity in the Matter—It was on the State's Motion That He was Honorably Discharged—Synopsis of the Testimony Taken.

Yesterday morning the Intelligencer told exclusively of the sensational proceedings following the death of Mrs. Maria T. Wright, of 818 Market street, who died Wednesday afternoon from the effect of a criminal operation, including the arrest of an early hour yesterday morning of John B. Down, at the instance of the woman's husband, Clinton F. Wright.

The hearing was held yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the county jail office, before Justice James A. Dunning. The result was that none of the several witnesses examined could in any way implicate Mr. Down as an aider and abettor of the alleged crime, and at the motion of Prosecuting Attorney Meyer, Down was honorably discharged from custody. It was shown, however, most conclusively that the dead woman had committed the criminal operation herself, and that it was responsible for her death. The woman, it appears, endeavored before her death to implicate a physician, but it was shown in the course of the hearing that there was no foundation for such a claim. After the hearing, Coroner Schultz, who was in attendance, stated that it was not necessary to hold an inquest, it having been shown that the woman herself had caused her death. The case against the dead woman's mother, Mrs. Jane Gilbert, like Down's, will now be dropped.

The hearing of Downs was set for 3 o'clock at the county jail office, but there was a delay on account of the absence of witnesses deemed to be material by Prosecuting Attorney Meyer, who, with Mr. Richard Ryan, on behalf of Clinton F. Wright, the husband of the dead woman, conducted the prosecution. For the defense, Mr. Sam O. Boyce acted as counsel. A number of witnesses and spectators had assembled and comfortably filled the jail office.

The following witnesses were called: Mrs. Huggins, Dr. D. H. Taylor, Dr. Glass, Dr. R. M. Rau, Mrs. Joseph Cramer, Mrs. C. Newman. All except Dr. Rau were present. A telephone request for Dr. Rau's presence was soon complied with.

It was 2:30 when proceedings were opened. Prosecuting Attorney Meyer said the state was not fully prepared, but he was ready to examine the witnesses present and then adjourn over to the following morning to await the production of further evidence.

Mr. Boyce said he was confident there was no case against Down, and that after the prosecuting attorney had heard the evidence of witnesses present he would insist upon the case being dropped.

The hearing proceeded, with the understanding that it would be adjourned over to today to hear further testimony. The prisoner, John B. Down, was brought into court.

Mr. Boyce insisted that the prosecuting witness, Clinton F. Wright, be excluded during the examination of witnesses. Mr. Ryan insisted that he was the instigator of the prosecution and was entitled to remain. The justice ruled that Wright could remain.

Dr. D. H. Taylor.

Dr. D. H. Taylor was the first witness, who said he knew Mrs. Wright, living at 818 Market street, where she lived with her mother, Mrs. Jane Gilbert. He had heard of Mrs. Wright's illness Sunday, April 30. He was telephoned to come to 818 Market street. He responded to the call, and found Mrs. Wright sick in bed. She told the witness if the Lord would let her get out of this trouble she would never get in it any more. She complained of cramps to the witness. Before this she had consulted Dr. Rau, who had told her a short time before that she was pregnant. She had said Dr. Rau examined her, using a long instrument. The witness was called in at the time stated above, and made an examination and gave medicine to quiet the pains.

On the following Monday or Tuesday or Wednesday the abortion or miscarriage was delivered, and the witness made another examination. Thursday evening the witness was called again, and found Mrs. Wright excited, and learned that her little boy had remained away, a matter that had worried and excited her. Saturday she was getting along well, and her condition was much improved Sunday. Monday evening he found Mrs. Wright excited and her temperature high. At this time she told the witness she had sent for another physician, Dr. Green. He told her she would die if she continued changing physicians.

"Did you have any conversation as to what produced her condition?"

"Yes, she told me she herself had used a catheter, for fear she would not come around all right."

"What effect does a catheter have?"

"The doctor's answer was in effect that a miscarriage would be caused."

"Was there anything else said as to what brought her into that condition?"

"She told me her husband was in the oil field and if I would take care of her it would be all right. She said she had got a divorce from Wright, and that she had married Down. Her mother followed me out and said she knew nothing about the marriage with Down."

"Do you know of any instrument applied by anyone to produce an abortion?"

"No."

"What kind of instrument did she say Dr. Rau used?"

"Didn't say; she said it pained her."

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and Dr. Rau said she would be all right, and that the doctor washed off the instrument. She said there was blood on the instrument.

The cross-examination was by Mr. Boyce. Witness said Mrs. Wright had not told him that Dr. Rau refused to attend her after learning of her condition. On last Monday he had not pronounced her out of danger; on that day he had found her temperature 104, and the pulse 116. Normal pulse would have been 80, and normal temperature 98.6.

"Did she say Down had not been home for two weeks?"

"No," he said he was away.

Mr. Meyer, the witness said Mrs. Wright told him she was married to Mr. Down without the knowledge of her mother.

Dr. R. M. Rau.

The next witness was Dr. R. M. Rau. Mrs. Wright came to his office some time ago, in April, gave a history of her case, and he told her she was pregnant. She was indignant when he told her she was pregnant. He consented to examine her and asked her to bring a companion. He made an examination, and told her if she wanted an abortion she would have to go elsewhere. A few days later he went to the house, and found Mrs. Wright in bed. She said she had bought "one of those gum things" and if she couldn't throw herself out of her trouble, she would drown herself. The witness insisted that the woman tell her mother she had used the instrument on herself, which she did, and also confessed that she had married a Scio oil man. The witness gave her medicine to prevent the abortion. If possible, he had called again and the woman had reiterated she would rid herself of her trouble. The witness then told Mrs. Wright never to call on him again. He considered her a dangerous character.

The doctor said he had used no instruments on the woman. Mrs. Wright had said she was married to Down either by the Fourth Street church minister or on Fourth street.

On cross-examination by Mr. Boyce, the witness said Mrs. Wright had lied when she told Dr. Taylor that he had used an instrument on her.

To Mr. Meyer, the witness said he did not know Down, and he had had no conversation with him at any time.

Dr. M. W. Glass.

Dr. M. W. Glass was the next witness. He had been called in to see Mrs. Wright last Monday evening. He became suspicious, and he did not change the treatment, preferring to see Dr. Taylor. The next day she was spitting blood from the lung. The husband was telephoned for at Scio. On Wednesday he again saw the woman, and it was found the abdomen was swelling rapidly, and she died at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. He had made no extensive examination on his first visit, not knowing whether or not Dr. Taylor was still connected with the case.

The woman, he said, tried to implicate Dr. Rau in the matter, unjustly so in the opinion of the witness. He gave reasons for this belief, one being that the abortion did not result until several days after the examination the witness said Dr. Rau had made. He had conferred with Dr. Rau, who had explained to the satisfaction of the witness his legitimate connection with the case.

The witness had not seen Down before Wednesday evening after the death of Mrs. Wright. The woman had told him she was married to Down six months ago. The woman had not told the witness she had used the instrument; she was trying to shift the blame onto Dr. Rau, a story he considered highly improbable. The woman died from blood poisoning.

To Mr. Meyer, the doctor said he had issued the death certificate, in which blood poisoning was given as the cause of the death.

Witness said Mrs. Wright had told him she would have liked to have the child live, as Mr. Down was fond of children.

The blood poisoning, said the witness, was caused by the miscarriage the woman had committed on herself.

Mrs. Louisa Huggins.

The next witness was Mrs. Louisa Huggins. She is the woman to whom Mrs. Wright was alleged to have made a death-bed confession. She had known Mrs. Wright several years. She had washed clothes for her during the last two weeks. Mrs. Wright had told her of her troubles. She had talked with regard to her sickness; she had said she had had a miscarriage, and that the first physician was Dr. Rau, who did not know her condition. Efforts to draw from the witness details of the alleged confession met with little success.

"What's the idea of all this? It's seen there was an abortion and that the dead woman committed it," said Mr. Boyce.

Mrs. Louisa Cramer.

Mrs. Louisa Cramer testified that she knew Mrs. Wright; she was a neighbor. Mrs. Gilbert had told of her daughter's sickness. Witness had been called in when Mrs. Wright was thought to be dying. She did not know of Mrs. Wright's true condition until after her death. She did not know Mrs. Wright had given birth to a premature child. Mr. Down had boarded at the house next door for years, and Mrs. Wright had moved there last fall. She saw Mr. Down there last Sunday, the only time Mrs. Wright was ill. She had heard of no marriage contracted by Mr. Down and Mrs. Wright.

Clinton F. Wright.

Clinton F. Wright, the prosecuting witness, was placed on the stand. The dead woman was his wife, and to his knowledge there had been no divorce. He left Wheeling last September, and he had had several conversations with Mrs. Huggins in reference to Mr. Down's connection with Mrs. Wright. At this stage, Mr. Boyce objected to Mrs. Huggins' testimony being impeached by Wright. It was ruled that the witness could tell whatever he knew of Down's connection with the case.

The witness said he met his wife two weeks ago in the Second ward market, when she said she had a tumor and had to go to the hospital. He replied that she was in a delicate condition. She rejoined that if he would care for her she would live with him again. If not

she threatened to telegraph to Down at Scio, and "he would get me out of this trouble." He saw her again, and said she had sent for Down. As to any connection Down had with producing a miscarriage, witness said Down was to be telegraphed for to help her out. The witness utterly failed to connect Down with any wrong doing.

Mr. Boyce moved to dismiss the case. Not a single witness, he said, had mentioned Down's name in connection with the matter. Mr. Meyer also moved that Down be discharged.

"You are honorably discharged, Mr. Down," said the judge.

"Can he go back up there?" asked Wright excitedly of Prosecuting Attorney Meyer.

"I don't know anything about that," said Mr. Meyer.

"But ain't you convinced he had something to do with it?" persisted Wright.

"I am convinced that Mrs. Wright committed the abortion on herself," said Mr. Meyer, with some impatience.

THE BUNKO GAME WORKED

On a Youth From Stringtown, Ohio. Jack Forsyth Arrested.

The bunko game appears to be popular these days. The latest victim is Selmon Dawson, a youth from Stringtown, O., a hamlet opposite Sistersville, who ran up against Jack Forsyth last night and was relieved of \$2. According to his story at the police station, he was approached last evening by Forsyth, who soon secured his confidence. Forsyth represented that he was about to ship a car load of tools to Scio, and he engaged Dawson to work for him.

At the proper moment, a "pal" approached and stated that the man who was to pay the freight had skipped with the money, and the car couldn't go without the cash. The pair proposed to Dawson that he lend them the money, and as he had only \$2 he loaned them that. They left, promising to see him after they paid the freight charges. Officer Ingram noticed the trio in conversation and reported to headquarters.

Lieutenant Michaels soon ran Forsyth down, but failed to locate his confederate. Dawson identified Forsyth, who will be given a hearing before a justice to-day, as Selmon, contrary to the custom of most out-of-town victims, has agreed to stay in the city to prosecute.

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A strike development yesterday was the arrest of Howard Loring, the ten-year-old son of Henry Loring, who was arrested Wednesday night by Deputy Law, for having told some boys at Benwood to "skip" when pursued by the deputy marshals. The elder Loring wanted some clothing, according to representations made by the deputies, so his two sons were sent from his home in Benwood to the Ohio county jail. When they arrived with the clothes, Deputy Jackson arrested Howard, but allowed his brother, Harry, to go. The commitment papers were made out and the boy placed in the jail. He is charged with being implicated in the disturbance Wednesday evening.

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## THE JUDGE COMING

Judge Jackson Will be Here Very Soon to Try Strike Cases.

### MARSHAL THOMPSON WRITES

His Chief Deputy Here Relative to the Willie Jefferson Case—No Strike Developments Occurred Yesterday. Meeting of Labor Union Leaders Held to Prepare for the Demonstration Slated for Saturday.

Chief Deputy United States Marshal Law yesterday filed with Jailer McCormick a letter he received from Marshal John K. Thompson, relative to the commitment of little Willie Jefferson, the colored youth arrested last Saturday evening for interference with the running of the Wheeling Railway Company's cars. There was some misunderstanding in regard to the propriety of committing the youngster, and the deputy wrote Marshal Thompson in regard to it. The letter was filed with the jailer as his authority for holding the boy pending the coming of Judge Jackson to this city to try the several cases that have arisen out of the strike since his last visit here.

Marshal Thompson states in the letter that Judge Jackson will come to Wheeling very soon, the inference being that he would come within a few days. There are several cases upon which he will pass, all of them connected with the strike. There are now five men serving sentences for violation of the street car injunction, and several are at the jail awaiting action by the judge.

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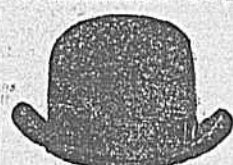
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The formation of to-morrow night's parade, as outlined last night, is as follows:

FIRST DIVISION.  
Street Car Workers' Local No. 103.  
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Garfield Local, Stogie Makers, No. 1.  
Tobacco Workers' Union No. 2.

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Painters' Union No. 51.  
Carpenters' Union No. 3.  
Plumbers' Union No. 3.  
Bricklayers' Union No. 1.  
Stone Masons' Union No. 2.  
Wheeling Division Stone Cutters.  
Electricians' Union No. 21.  
Hodcarriers' Union No. 25.  
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Other Building Trades.

THIRD DIVISION.  
Potters' Union No. 6.  
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Moldmakers' Union No. 12.  
Butchers' Union No. 7.  
Miners' Union No. 148.  
Theatrical Employees' Union No. 64.  
Expressmen and Drivers' Union No. 630.

FOURTH DIVISION.  
Iron, Steel and Tin Workers.  
Friendship Lodge No. 2, La Belle mill.  
Prosperity Lodge No. 3, La Belle mill.  
Crescent Lodge No. 5, Whitaker mill.  
Powell Lodge No. 8, La Belle mill.  
Cokeworkers and Mill Men in general, from Benwood, Athensville, Martins Ferry and Wheeling.

FIFTH DIVISION.  
Horses and Vehicles.

BRIDGEPORT COUNCIL MEETS

And Decides Matters in Connection With the Street Paving.

The Bridgeport town council met last night and considered matters in connection with the street paving soon to be commenced. It was decided that contractors' bonds shall be those of surety companies only; no individual bonds will be accepted.

It was decided that Lincoln avenue and Pike street, and Morgan street, the latter in Kirkwood, be paved their full width. All other streets are to be reduced in width to thirty-two feet. The paving will begin soon on Bank

street, at the corner of Pike. There is old brick paving on Bank street, and council decided that this paving be torn up and new brick substituted. Whether or not other old paving be torn up and replaced will be decided by the